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SUBJ: CHILE-U.S. BILATERAL TALKS

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1. SUMMARY. GOC-USG BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS MENTIONED TWICE
IN MEDIA WITHIN PAST DAYS. END SUMMARY.

2. PDC DEPUTY ENRIQUE KRAUSS ISSUED STATEMENT AUG 20 ASKING
GOVT TO GIVE ACCOUNT OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. WHICH HE ASSERTS
ARE DESIGNED TO COME TO A "GLOBAL SOLUTION" OF PROBLEMS BETWEEN
TWO NATIONS INCLUDING COPPER INDEMNIZATION. KRAUSS STATES THAT
TWO COUNTRIES MET DURING OAS LIMA MEETING AT WHICH TIME CHILE
REPRESENTED BY ALMEYDA AND CADEMARTORI AND THAT IN CURRENT
WASHINGTON CONVERSATIONS CHILE REPRESENTED BY JOSE TOHA.
KRAUSS STATES "THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE GOVT SEARCHING
FOR A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS PEDNING WITH THE UNITED STATES,"
BUT THEN GOES ON TO OBJECT TO TALKS' SECRECY AND CALLS UPON MIN.
FONRELATIONS TO INFORM PUBLIC.

3. ON SUNDAY EVENING TALK SHOW "A ESTA HORA SE IMPROVISA"
FREI GOVT OAS AMBASSADOR ALEJANDRO MAGNET ASKED GEN RUIZ
IF HE AWARE OF BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS AND IF HE THOUGHT THAT
ALLENDE HAD INTRODUCED MILITARY INTO CABINET TO GIVE GOVT
APPEARANCE OF GREATER STABILITY AND, THUS, TO ALLOW IT A STRONGER
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BARGAINING POSITION. RUIZ RESPONDED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF

THE TALKS.

4. MAGNET'S HYPOTHESIS WAS LOST IN THE HULLABALLOO ABOUT RUIZ' OTHER REMARKS (SANTIAGO 3675). KRAUSS' STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN ALL OPPOSITION DAILIES, ON INSIDE PAGES AND WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT AS YET. LIMA BILATERALS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTED IN CHILEAN PRESS (REFTEL) BUT GOC HAS NOT ISSUED ANY FORMAL STATEMENT ON LIMA OR RECENT ROUND OF WASHINGTON MEETINGS.

5. COMMENT. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE BACKGROUND OF THE KRAUSS STATEMENT IS FOLLOWING: RAUL TRONCOSO APPARENTLY MET ED KORRY IN NEW YORK ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO AND IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION THE QUESTION OF THE TALKS CAME UP. TRONCOSO, AFTER A FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY AT THE DEPARTMENT, REPORTED THE MATTER TO FREI. FREI MENTIONED IT TO THE PEOPLE AT EL MERCURIO WHO GOT AHOLD OF ME CONFIDENTIALLY LAST SUNDAY. I EXPLAINED THAT THE TALKS WERE PART OF OUR CONTINUING SERIES AND THAT THE PROSPECTS WERE NEITHER FOR A RUPTURE NOR FOR A BREAK-THROUGH AT THIS TIME. THE SENIOR CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP WAS REASSURED, BUT DECIDED TO ISSUE THE KRAUSS STATEMENT ANYWAY, I ASSUME, TO SURFACE THE MATTER, GIG THE GOVT A BIT, AND PROBABLY ALSO STIMULATE UNCERTAINTY AND UNEASE WITHIN THE FACTIONS OF THE UP. IN ANY CASE, I AM HAVING LUNCH WITH TRONCOSO THIS THURSDAY AND I SHALL MAKE SURE THERE IS NO LINGERING MISUNDERSTANDING.
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